

# Review A: Subject-Verb Agreement

**EXERCISE A** Circle the subject in each of the following sentences. If the underlined verb does not agree with the subject, cross out the verb and write the correct verb above it. If the sentence is already correct, write C before the sentence number.

**Example 1.** The sailors on the ship ~~has~~<sup>have</sup> all been granted shore leave.

1. My shoes and my shirt lies<sup>lie</sup> at the end of the bed.
2. Either Dr. Chen or Dr. Montoya plan<sup>plans</sup> to perform the operation.
3. ~~Don't~~<sup>Doesn't</sup> someone who has read the books have something to say?
4. One by one, the flock of birds have descended into the trees.
5. Afternoons are the best time for a nap.
6. The officers of the Forest Service ~~doesn't~~<sup>don't</sup> approve of campfires during a drought.
7. Gymnastics or electronics is the only class with spaces available.
8. There are many students who use study hall to finish their homework.
9. Most of the horses grazes<sup>graze</sup> in the upper pasture during the summertime.
10. Both of the flute players hopes<sup>hope</sup> to audition for the first chair in the orchestra.

**EXERCISE B** Circle the subject in each of the following sentences. Then, underline the form of the verb or contraction in parentheses that agrees with the subject.

**Example 1.** Everyone in the senior class (is, are) looking forward to the field trip.

11. Neither Jay nor Sonya (is, are) going to the folk festival this year.
12. Each of the children (~~has~~, have) gone to bed by now.
13. Anyone who listens to the singer's music (has, have) to get up and dance.
14. Our cat Conrad and our dog Padgett (like, likes) to sleep on the bed.
15. Katherine told me that the League of Women Voters (is, are) sponsoring a debate between the two candidates this Wednesday.
16. All of my aunts and uncles (remember, remembers) when my grandmother's birthday is.
17. (~~Doesn't~~, ~~Don't~~) most people in our town recycle their bottles and cans?
18. Either of the girls (is, are) happy to help you rake your lawn.
19. When (is, are) the football team scheduled to play Reed City?
20. Enrique told me that he (~~don't~~, doesn't) care for okra.

## Review B: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

**EXERCISE A** Circle the antecedent for the underlined pronoun in each of the following sentences. If the underlined pronoun does not agree with the antecedent, cross out the pronoun and write the correct pronoun over it.

**Example 1.** (All) of the young men have left <sup>their</sup>his childhoods behind.

1. Many of the science fair contestants have brought ~~his or her~~<sup>their</sup> own equipment.

2. One of the girls has gotten mud all over ~~her~~<sup>her</sup> shoes.

3. Every member of the class brought ~~their~~<sup>his or her</sup> own pencil to the test on Friday.

4. Either Sergio or Michael will need to bring ~~their~~<sup>his</sup> boombox to the party.

5. No one in the family remembered to bring ~~their~~<sup>his or her</sup> key to the cabin by the lake.

6. Aren't all of your uncles taking a fishing pole with ~~him~~<sup>them</sup> on vacation?

7. A few of the students told ~~his or her~~<sup>their</sup> parents about the pop quiz on Friday.

8. Each of the kittens cried for ~~their~~<sup>its</sup> mother.

9. One of the young women was certain that the award for Best Class Song was going to ~~them~~<sup>her</sup>.

10. Some of the books showed Princess Diana on ~~its~~<sup>their</sup> covers.

**EXERCISE B** In each of the following sentences, circle the antecedent for the pronouns in parentheses. Then, underline the pronoun in parentheses that agrees with the antecedent.

**Example 1.** (Each) of the children handed the teacher (his or her, their) answer sheet.

11. The Barretts of Wimpole Street is my mother's favorite film; she has seen (it, them) several times.

12. The cast of the play decided to have a party after (its, their) last performance.

13. One of the ships was able to unload most of (its, their) cargo before the hurricane struck.

14. The Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies will publish Professor Becker's book as part of (its, their) publication series.

15. Having mastered electronics, Judith is very good at explaining (it, them) to the class.

16. Have you ever wondered why birds resting on a branch or a telephone wire tuck (its, their) heads under their wings during a storm?

17. The council didn't get to (its, their) final vote until nine o'clock that night.

18. Someone from the boys' basketball team left (his, their) shoes on the bench.

19. Those young women will carry (her, their) own luggage onto the plane.

20. Neither of the girls can tell me where (her, their) sleeping bag is.

## Review C: Agreement

**EXERCISE A** Most of the following sentences contain an error in subject-verb agreement. Cross out the incorrect form of the verb, and write the correct verb form above it. If a sentence is already correct, write C next to the sentence number.

**Example 1.** Grand Rapids, Michigan, <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ a center of furniture manufacturing.

1. The sound of all these birds <sup>echoes</sup> ~~echo~~ all around the courtyard.
2. Economics <sup>seems</sup> ~~seem~~ like a difficult subject to some people.
3. Fifteen feet of rope <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ necessary to secure the boat to the dock.
4. Moving with one mind, the crowd <sup>surges</sup> ~~surge~~ toward the stage.
5. <sup>Doesn't</sup> ~~Don't~~ he know which way he's going?
6. Where <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ the books that I left on the kitchen counter?
7. Either Kadonna or her brother is responsible for sending out the invitations for the reunion. C
8. Everybody who contributed to the charities <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ welcome at the annual dinner.
9. About ten percent of the furniture <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ sitting in a warehouse.
10. Monday afternoons are the best time to make an appointment with Dr. Secada. C

**EXERCISE B** Most of the following sentences contain an error in pronoun-antecedent agreement. Cross out the incorrect pronoun, and write the correct pronoun form above it. If a sentence is already correct, write C next to the sentence number.

**Example 1.** The Netherlands is in Europe; adjacent to <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~ are Belgium and Germany.

11. Mikki has saved fifty dollars; she plans to use <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~ to buy a present.
12. As soon as we heard the news from France, we passed <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~ along to our friends at home.
13. After seeing the film *Darby O'Gill and the Little People*, Declan recommended <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~ to his brother.
14. Candace or Melanie will bring <sup>her</sup> ~~their~~ soccer ball to the championship match.
15. The gymnastics team discussed their fears about going to the meet. C
16. No one who has ever seen Angkor Wat will ever forget <sup>his or her</sup> ~~their~~ first impression of it.
17. We heard that some of the boys' ski team are bringing <sup>their</sup> ~~his~~ own skis.
18. Carl or David will bring his football to the game. C
19. After you're done with the binoculars, please put <sup>them</sup> ~~it~~ back in the case.
20. The jury debated the verdict among itself. <sup>themselves</sup> ~~itself~~

# Review D: Agreement

**EXERCISE** Each of the following sentences contains an error in pronoun-antecedent agreement or subject-verb agreement. Draw a line through each incorrect verb or pronoun, and write the correct verb form or pronoun form above it.

**Examples** 1. Neither Los Angeles nor San Francisco ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> the capital of California.

2. Either Dad or Uncle Tom will pick us up in ~~their~~<sup>his</sup> car.

1. Nicoletta or Jacqueline will present ~~their~~<sup>her</sup> book report to the class tomorrow.

2. Everybody in our classes ~~were~~<sup>was</sup> informed in advance about the change in schedule.

3. Some of the best paintings are next-door; let's look at ~~it~~<sup>them</sup> first.

4. Here ~~is~~<sup>are</sup> the books you ordered online, Ms. Shimeda.

5. Each of the teachers spoke to ~~their~~<sup>his or her</sup> own class.

6. Some of the groceries ~~has~~<sup>have</sup> already been placed in the pantry.

7. Either the players or the coach ~~call~~<sup>calls</sup> timeout.

8. A theater and a rehearsal room ~~was~~<sup>were</sup> added to the high school last year.

9. Everyone who completed ~~their~~<sup>his or her</sup> project on time was rewarded with a bright, shiny apple.

10. Nobody in the caravan ~~were~~<sup>was</sup> paying attention when the camel went astray.

11. The Cho family will take ~~their~~<sup>its</sup> vacation this year in Thailand.

12. When the shears were broken, Eric found time to repair ~~it~~<sup>them</sup>.

13. ~~Doesn't~~<sup>Don't</sup> the dog and cat get along?

14. Macaroni and cheese ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> my favorite dish.

15. If you spill all of the cereal, make sure to clean ~~them~~<sup>it</sup> up.

16. Neither Uncle Lyle nor Uncle Tector remembered where ~~their~~<sup>his</sup> boots were.

17. The presence of thousands of peacekeeping troops ~~assure~~<sup>assures</sup> the villagers of their safety.

18. When presented with a legal summons, a citizen has an obligation to respond to ~~them~~<sup>it</sup>.

19. We will listen to half of *Nights in the Garden of Spain* this morning, and we will hear the rest of ~~them~~<sup>it</sup> this afternoon.

20. Neither the students nor the players ~~is~~<sup>are</sup> likely to forget the homecoming game.